Ratio of Doctors and Nurses

3859. PROF VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of doctors and nurses in relation to patients in the country State/U.T. and district-wise;

(b) whether the irrationality between the ratio is one of the major causes for rush in hospitals; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the number of doctors and the nurses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) There are approximately 52 doctors and 52 nurses per 1,00,000 population in the country. The State/U.T. and district-wise information is not available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में चिकित्सा सुविधाएं

3860. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :**
श्री आज़ मोहम्मद :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में चिकित्सा सुविधाएं शहरी क्षेत्रों की तुलना में अत्यंत अपर्याप्त तथा खराब हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में इन सुविधाओं में सुधार करने के लिए क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री पद्मसिंह पाटोवार) : (क) और (ख) निम्नलिखित जनसंख्या मानदंडों के अनुसार ग्रामीण क्षेत्र उप-केन्द्रों, प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों और सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के नेटवर्क द्वारा कवर हैं।

जनसंख्या मानदंड			31-12-94 की स्थिति के अनुसार मौजूद
	मैदानी क्षेत्र	पहाड़ी क्षेत्र	
उप केन्द्र	5000	3000	1,31,476
प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र	30000	20000	21,254
सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र	80,000 से 1.20 लाख तक की प्रत्येक जनसंख्या के लिये		2,328

(ग) आठवीं योजना में सेवाओं को सुदृढ़ करने का लक्ष्य है। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में चिकित्सीय और परा-चिकित्सीय कार्यकर्ताओं की क्षमता और प्रभावकारिता में सुधार होने के लिए प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों को तेज किया गया है।

Treatment of Baldness

3861. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the claims being made in media to banish baldness in just 3

hours with American Hair Weaving Technique;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Medical Experts of Govermnt are satisfied with this treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, what action is proposed to be taken against such institutions exploiting the weaknesses of our society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b). There have been advertisements in the media by some private parties regarding treatment of baldness with American Hair Weaving Technique.

(c) and (d). Information is not available regarding efficacy of the technique.

Approval of anti-chicken pox vaccine by U.S. Administration

3862. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S. Administration has accorded some approval to first anti-chicken pox vaccine known as 'Varivax';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to have study of this new vaccine for introduction in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) of USA has approved the Chicken Pox Vaccine on March 17, 1995. The vaccine is being marketed under the trade name varivax.

The vaccine was studied for its efficacy on 11,000 subjects and it was found that it is 70 to 90 per cent effective in preventing the disease. -Also, for cases, where the vaccine was not able to prevent Chicken Pox, the subjects got only a very mild form of the disease.

The vaccine has been made using a weakened form of live varicella.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no such proposal.

Celebration of the National measles Immunisation day

3863. SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Measles Immunisation day was observed on 16th March, 1995 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and union Territory-wise;

(c) whether measles has been recognised as one of the fatal ailments;

(d) whether any programmes have been undertaken to eradicate this ailment from the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to get affective implementation of these programmes monitored centrally; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. However, as the Holi festival was celebrated on 16th March, 1995, the day was observed on 18th and 19th March, 1995. Government Hospitals and health centres remained upen on this day. Camps were set up in collaboration with Indian Medical Association, Rotary, Lions Club and other voluntary organisations.

(c) to (g) Recognizing the importance of measles as a killer disease, measles vaccine was included in the Universal